

# FARM, FRUIT & APIARY

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## Dates & Times:

Date	Time	Description	Location
Wednesday, July 22	9:00 AM - NOON	Entry Drop Off (Classes 6-18 ONLY)	Dover Building
Thursday, July 23	9:00 AM - NOON	Entry Drop Off	Dover Building
Wednesday, July 29	9:00 AM - NOON	Entry Drop Off (Classes 24-27, & 29 ONLY)	Dover Building
Sunday, August 2	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Entries must be removed from the grounds	Dover Building

## Arrival & Departure:

1. Exhibits will be accepted from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon Thursday, July 23.
2. Classes with a double showing must also be in by 12:00 Noon on Thursday, July 23 (1st Showing) or by 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, July 29 (2nd Showing).
3. Judging will begin in the department at 1:00 PM both days.
4. All entries must be removed between 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM on Sunday, August 2. Exhibits may not be removed before this time.

## General Rules and Regulations:

1. Entries can only be made online via the [Delaware State Fair's website](#) beginning 9:00 AM April 1, 2026 thru 11:59 PM June 1, 2026.
2. Only one entry per exhibitor per class will be accepted. Late entries will not be accepted.
3. The Dover Building will open daily from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM (except when there is judging in the department). Exhibitors in this department are asked to read and observe the rules governing this department.
4. In order for the Delaware State Fair to better prepare for all exhibits, we ask that you only enter those classes which you will be able to complete and show at this year's fair.
5. Any and all premiums may be adjusted by The Delaware State Fair Board of Directors based on funding sources.

## Department Rules & Regulations:

1. Exhibitors must be five (5) years old, as of January 1, 2026, to enter into the department.
2. Care will be taken to protect the exhibits from injury, but the Delaware State Fair will not be responsible in any way for accidents, loss and damage by water, fire, theft, or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss sustained. All exhibits are entered at the owner's risk.
3. Exhibitors must securely attach tags to their items with the assistance of Department Personnel. (Entries will not be accepted by department personnel until entry tags are securely affixed.)

4. On Thursday, July 23, or Wednesday, July 29, competitors who wish to deliver their entries to the Dover Building via car before 11:45 AM must do so by going to Exhibitor's Gate 2 (near the Quillen Arena) where they will be given a temporary permit that will allow them to drive to the Raughley Street entrance of the Dover Building. Your vehicle **MUST BE REMOVED** from the grounds and moved into the regular parking lot prior to 12:00 NOON.
5. All bundles of grain should be tied in a neat bundle, 4 inches in diameter. Neatness of the exhibit will be a very important point in judging.
6. All farm products exhibited shall be grown by the exhibitor.
7. All exhibits of shelled grain will be shown **in gallon glass jars with white lids**.
8. Fruit will be judged on the basis of accepted commercial standards for each particular variety. Exhibitors should keep this point in mind in selecting and preparing exhibits.
9. Each plate of fruit exhibited will consist of exactly five (5) specimens, except those plates containing small fruits like crab apples, seckel pears, plums, etc., which must contain enough fruit to fill the plate in which they are displayed.
10. When there is no competition in a class, only second money will be awarded, except for exhibits which, in the opinion of the judges, are worthy of first prize.
11. All fruit entered for competition in any class must be mature and ready for market. Fruit that is picked too green will be scored down because of lack of proper color and quality. Bruises will be counted as serious defects.
12. **All Bee Products** entries must have been produced since the previous Delaware State Fair.
13. Identifying labels are forbidden on **Bee Products** entries.
14. Decorations are not allowed on any **Bee Products** entry.
15. All **Bee Products** entries must be the property of the exhibitor and must have been produced by the exhibitor. Please Note:
  - a. Class 16, 1-lb. Block Pure Beeswax, must be produced from beeswax made only by the exhibitor's own honey bees.
  - b. For Class 17, Pair of Poured Beeswax Candles, the exhibitor may supplement the beeswax made by the exhibitor's own honey bees with purchased beeswax.
  - c. For Class 18, Pair of Wrapped Beeswax Candles, the exhibitor may use purchased beeswax sheets that have a natural beeswax color and a natural beeswax aroma.
16. Bee Product classes 6 to 10 require a new lid. Tamper-proof seals are not permitted.
17. Bee Product entries in Classes 13 & 14 must be displayed vertically in rigid bee-proof cases having the front and back sides made of transparent, colorless glass or plastic. Frames must be made of wood; plastic frames are not permitted. The bee-proof cases must be easy to open by the judge (not locked, not screwed shut, etc.).

## APPLES

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1st	2nd	3rd
\$9.50	\$5.00	\$4.00

Class #	Class Description
1	Plate Ginger Gold
2	Plate Crab Apples
3	Plate any other named variety

1st	2nd	3rd
\$14.50	\$7.25	\$5.00

Class #	Class Description
4	Peck basket Ginger Gold
5	Peck basket, any other named variety

## BEE PRODUCTS

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Rules:

1. Classes 6 to 11 require a new lid.
2. Tamper-proof seals are not permitted.
3. Bee Products must have been produced since the previous Delaware State Fair.
4. See all Bee Products rules in the Department Rules & Regulations section above

**Classes 6- 18 must be delivered Wednesday, July 22 from 9AM - NOON.**

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$9.50	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.25

### EXTRACTED HONEY

An entry consists of one 1-lb. glass Queenline or Classic honey jar.  
 Extracted honey should be free of granulation, debris, air bubbles, and foam.

There are four color classes. In the order of depth of color, they are:

- Light—A light yellow that contains no amber / orange color
- Light Amber—A light yellow-orange to medium yellow-orange color
- Amber—A dark yellow-orange to medium reddish-brown color
- Dark—A dark reddish brown to brown-black color

Class #	Class Description
6	One 1-lb. Glass Queenline or Classic Jar Light of Extracted Honey
7	One 1-lb. Glass Queenline or Classic Jar Light Amber of Extracted Honey
8	One 1-lb. Glass Queenline or Classic Jar Amber of Extracted Honey
9	One 1-lb. Glass Queenline or Classic Jar Dark of Extracted Honey

### FINELY GRANULATED HONEY AND CHUNK HONEY

An entry consists of one round tall glass 1-lb. jar (in honey weight) per class.

Notes: Examples of the required jar include a) the Round Tall Glass Jar from [www.Betterbee.com](http://www.Betterbee.com), and b) similar round tall glass jars offered by other honey jar suppliers, including [www.BlueSkyBeeSupply.com](http://www.BlueSkyBeeSupply.com). *This type of jar is clear, colorless, and smooth-sided.*

Class #	Class Description
10	<b>Finely Granulated Honey</b> (one jar; see Notes above). Finely granulated honey should be free of debris, foam, and frosting.

	It must have fine crystals, be completely granulated, and have a firm, but spreadable texture. Any color of extracted honey can be used to make finely granulated honey.
11	<b>Chunk Honey</b> (one jar; see Notes above). <i>This is a challenging class.</i> Chunk honey is comprised of one tall piece of first-place-quality cut comb surrounded by first-place-quality liquid extracted honey that is the same color as the honey in the cut comb, in proportions approximately 50:50.

### ALL OTHER BEE PRODUCTS

An entry consists of one item per class, except for candle classes (which require one pair).

Class #	Class Description
12	<b>Display of Cut Comb Honey.</b> The display of cut comb honey must consist of one square piece of cut comb presented in a clear, colorless, standard cut comb box. The cut comb should be free of debris, and the cells should be fully capped. No liner is allowed.
13	<b>Display of Comb Honey in Section:</b> Ross Round® or Basswood only. Section honey should be free of debris and the cells should be fully capped. a) Ross Round® section honey must have <i>a clear cover on both the top and the bottom.</i> b) Basswood section honey may be presented wrapped neatly in clear, colorless plastic food wrap or presented in a window carton.
14	<b>Display of Frame of Honey for Extraction.</b> The frame must be made of wood and be free of debris and mold. The cells should be fully capped. Wired beeswax foundation and yellow plastic foundation are allowed. <i>Please note: Black plastic foundation is NOT permitted.</i> The frame must be displayed in a bee-proof display case that is NOT locked. See Rule 17 in the Department Rules & Regulations Section.
15	<b>Display of Frame of Honey for Cut Comb.</b> The frame must be made of wood and be free of debris and mold. The cells should be fully capped. The comb can be foundationless or made with cut comb beeswax foundation. The frame must be displayed in a bee-proof display case that is NOT locked. See Rule 17 in the Department Rules & Regulations Section.
16	<b>1-lb. Block of Pure Beeswax</b> The beeswax must be clean and free of honey, propolis, and debris. The block of pure beeswax should have the natural aroma of fresh beeswax, and its color should be a natural fresh beeswax color. See Rule 15 in the Department Rules & Regulations Section.
17	<b>10" Pair of Poured Beeswax Candles, 1" maximum diameter.</b>

	<p>The candles must be made of pure beeswax.  The candles should match. Both should have the natural aroma of fresh beeswax and have the same natural fresh beeswax color.  Decorations are NOT permitted.  See Rule 15 in the Department Rules &amp; Regulations Section.</p>
18	<p><b>10" Pair of Wrapped Beeswax Candles, 1" maximum diameter.</b>  The candles should be closely matched in design and construction.  They must be made of pure beeswax and have the same natural fresh beeswax color and aroma.  Decorations are NOT permitted.  See Rule 15 in the Department Rules &amp; Regulations Section.</p>

## **NUTS**

All nuts will be exhibited on plates furnished by the Fair.  
Nuts gathered from the woods cannot be entered into the Fair.

1st	2nd	3rd
\$9.50	\$5.00	\$4.00

<b>Class #</b>	<b>Class Description</b>
19	Plate of Nuts

## **PEACHES, PEARS, PLUMS**

1st	2nd	3rd
\$9.50	\$5.00	\$4.00

<b>Class #</b>	<b>Class Description</b>
20	Plate White Lady
21	Plate Glow
22	Plate Red Haven
23	Plate any other variety of peaches

1st	2nd	3rd
\$9.50	\$5.00	\$4.00

**Classes 24 to 27, & 29 must be delivered Wednesday, July 29.**

Class #	Class Description
24	Plate White Lady
25	Plate Glow
26	Plate Red Haven
27	Plate any other variety of peaches

1st	2nd	3rd
\$14.50	\$7.25	\$5.00

Class #	Class Description
28	Peck basket, any named variety peaches ( <b>must be delivered Thursday, July 23</b> )
29	Peck basket, any named variety peaches ( <b>must be delivered Wednesday, July 29</b> )

1st	2nd	3rd
\$9.50	\$5.00	\$4.00

Class #	Class Description
30	Plate Seckel Pears
31	Plate, any other named variety pears
32	Plate Plums
33	Plate, any other fruit
34	Fruit Display in a Moveable Container

## **SEEDS, HAY, & STRAW**

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1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$12.25	\$7.25	\$4.00	\$2.25

Class #	Class Description
35	Most Varied Collection from one farm, not less than 6 varieties in pint containers (Classes 36-51)

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$9.50	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.25

Class #	Class Description
36	Gallon jar Red Wheat
37	Gallon jar Rye

Class #	Class Description
38	Gallon jar Oats
39	Gallon jar Barley
40	Gallon jar Sorghum
41	Quart Red Clover Seed
42	Quart Crimson Clover Seed
43	Quart Lespedeza Clover Seed
44	Quart of Timothy Seed
45	Single ear of Yellow Corn
46	8 ears of Old Fashion Indian Corn
47	8 ears of Miniature Indian Corn
48	Largest 8 ears of Corn, any variety
49	Gallon jar Yellow Corn, shelled
50	Dozen ears Old Pop Corn
51	Gallon jar Yellow Soybeans

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$12.25	\$7.25	\$4.00	\$2.25

Class #	Class Description
52	2 stalks of Corn with ears (with roots in a 5-gallon bucket)

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$9.50	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.25

Class #	Class Description
53	Largest Sunflower head, at least 8 inches

The following hay bundles are to be about 12" x 4" tied two ways with a string or a bale pad section.  
Legumes may be mixed with grasses.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$9.50	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.25

Class #	Class Description
54	Bundle of Crimson Clover
55	Bundle of Alfalfa
56	Bundle of Lespedeza Clover
57	Bundle of Orchard Grass
58	Bundle of Mixed Hay
59	Bundle of Timothy
60	4-inch sheaf of Oats
61	4-inch sheaf of Winter Wheat
62	4-inch sheaf of Rye

Class #	Class Description
63	4-inch sheaf of Barley

The following straw bundles are to be about 12" x 4" tied two ways with a string or a bale pad section.

Class #	Class Description
64	Bundle of straw

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$12.25	\$7.25	\$4.00	\$2.25

Class #	Class Description
65	Growing Soybeans with roots in a 5-gallon bucket (12 stalks or more in water)

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$9.50	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.25

Class #	Class Description
66	Gallon jar of Silage, any kind

## BEEKEEPERS MEMORIAL AWARD

Award Winner
\$10.00 & Certificate

Selected & provided by Elizabeth Olson

## SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD

Award Winner
\$20.00 & Rosette

Awarded to the exhibitor with the Best in Show based on the opinion of the judges

